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WISEBED

Wireless Sensor Network Testbed

The situation so far

- When talking about Future Internet, WSNs are often among "hot" topics
- Sensor networks are usually considered to be the extension of the Internet into the real world and are supposed to make up an important part of the Future Internet's architecture
- So far, the number and size of actual testbeds for sensor networks have been rather limited

Project Goals

- Provide a multi-level infrastructure of interconnected testbeds of large-scale wireless sensor networks for research purposes
- Form well-organized, large-scale (a few thousand devices) structures rather than just some large network
- Improve scale and quality of practical and theoretical collaboration
- Offer the new facilities to all kinds of users (research, industry)

Consortium

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Project Facts

- Type of project: Small and Medium-scale focused research action
- Start Date: 1 June 2008
- Duration: 36 months
- 9 Partners

Basic Work Packages

WP 1: Hardware

create the hardware infrastructure

WP 2: Software

Middleware, workflow man. and access control

WP 3: Algorithms

Creation of a library of sensor network algorithms

WP 4: Data

Application scenarios and simulation traces

Hardware

- Deploy large numbers (thousands) of wireless sensor devices of different hardware technologies in different types of terrains and topologies (indoors, outdoors, smart buildings, disaster recovery, etc.)
- Use european hardware platforms
- Use testbed for evaluating and testing solutions at large scale
- Selection of setup of hardware is not trivial due to the nature of a testbed

Software

- Provide a means for researchers to deploy and test their own software
- Integrate several existing middleware approaches
- Provide a virtual unified testbed

Algorithms - WISELIB

- Provide a repository of algorithms, mechanisms and protocols that can be directly used in future experiments as reference for benchmarking purposes.
- Develop a library (WISELIB) that can be directly used in future systems or integrated in order to deal with the vital challenges of the wireless sensor networks

Data Traces

- Collect traces of data from the physical environment and derive models of real-life situations and scenarios
- These scenarios will be used to evaluate the performance of algorithms and systems and draw conclusions on their operation
- Large-scale WSN data traces do not yet exist even for communication

Potential Users - Benefits

- Enable researchers or companies to bypass most of the time-consuming issues of deploying and maintaining a WSN testbed
- Both theoreticians and practitioners will get together and use the project's facilities
- A deeper understanding of the gap that exists between theory and practice in WSN

